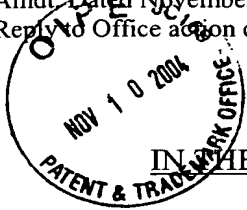


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Sir:

The three month response period for responding to the Office action of June 7, 2004 expired on September 7, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and requests a two (2) month extension of time to extend the response period from September 7, 2004 through November 7, 2004. A check which includes the amount of \$430 is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

In response to the Office action of June 7, 2004, paper no. 9, and the personal interview conducted on October 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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